

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5537

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2006

Mr. PETRI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR AWARD**
4 **OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO JAMES MEGELLAS**
5 **FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING BATTLE OF**
6 **THE BULGE.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The President is authorized
8 and requested to award the Medal of Honor under section

1 3741 of title 10, United States Code, to James Megellas,
2 of Colleyville, Texas, for the acts of valor described in sub-
3 section (b).

4 (b) ACTION DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor referred
5 to in subsection (a) are the actions of James Megellas on
6 January 28, 1945, in Herresbach, Belgium, during the
7 Battle of the Bulge, during World War II, when, as a first
8 lieutenant in the 82d Airborne Division, he led a surprise
9 and devastating attack on a much larger advancing enemy
10 force, killing and capturing a large number and causing
11 others to flee, single-handedly destroying an attacking
12 German Mark V tank with two hand-held grenades, and
13 then leading his men in clearing and seizing Herresbach.

14 (c) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—The award
15 under subsection (a) may be made without regard to the
16 time limitations specified in section 3744(b) of title 10,
17 United States Code, or any other time limitation estab-
18 lished by law or regulation with respect to the awarding
19 of certain medals to persons who served in the Army.

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